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ALL NIGHT LONG

Housing policy change allows overnight, opposite-sex guests



PHOTO BY Morgan Empey

Change to USU on-campus housing policy allows guests of the opposite sex to stay overnight with roommates' permission.

By Alyssa Roberts
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Thanks to a new housing policy, students who live on campus can now have their boyfriend, girlfriend or opposite-sex-BFF spend the night.

That is, as long as roommates give the green light first.

Students are still required to get signed

permission from all their roommates and their residence director before guests are allowed to spend the night in campus housing. This policy change just removes the gender stipulation.

Executive director of Housing and Residence Life Steve Jenson said changing the policy wasn't so much about gender as it was about clearly defining its intention.

"We're just trying to make it more neutral

and more inclusive of a policy and simpler to understand because I think it caused some confusion for some people," Jenson said.

At its core, the policy is meant to emphasize the right of all students in a suite or apartment to feel comfortable and safe in their living space.

The old policy prohibited overnight guests of the opposite sex, but Jenson said guests of the same sex could be "just as bothersome."

Whitney Milligan, the department of Housing and Residence Life's director of residence life, said residence staff are excited about the change, which has been in the works for a while now.

Milligan said she'd heard some feedback from staff that the old policy could be interpreted as "disregarding" members of the LGBT community and their relationships.

"It's not blatant discrimination; it's just not validating a different sexual orientation," said Macy Keith, the Access and Diversity Center's recently-appointed LGBT program coordinator, who spent four years working with USU's housing department as a resident assistant and residence director.

Keith said by specifically singling out people of the opposite gender and prohibiting them as guests, the policy failed to acknowledge that LGBT students could have meaningful relationships, too.

"And on the flip side, 'Well, they can get away with [having significant others spend the night], but those who are in heterosexual relationships can't," Milligan said.

Milligan said residence staff raised questions about the policy previously, and it made sense to change it for the sake of clarity.

"It's just a thing that people get hung up on, when our policy clearly states that you can't have overnight guests at all unless roommates agree."

While residence staff may be excited about the change, it doesn't appear very many on-campus residents are even aware a change was made.

Victoria Steel, a freshman who lives in the Student Living Center, said she didn't know the policy had changed but she didn't think it would affect her and her roommates very much.

"I don't really care much because I'm not having people overnight anyways," Steel said.

Alexander Troutner, a junior majoring in Religious Studies who lives on campus, said he hadn't heard about the policy change, either, but that "it might lead to more roommate conflict given the fact that we're in Utah."

Zach Rucker is a freshman who lives on campus, too. He said he didn't feel the policy would really affect him.

"It's everyone's choice," Rucker said. "I mean, it's got to be okay with the roommates."

And he's right, at least in Jenson's book. The policy was outdated and unclear, and Jenson said changing it wasn't just about being less dismissive of same-sex relationships. Now, it emphasizes the rights of the rent-paying students more than the gender of the prospective guests.

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PHOTO BY Morgan Empey

The policy change allowing overnight guests applies to all on-campus USU housing.

PICK A SIDE

Not sure who to vote for in the Nov. 8 local elections? Here are the candidates for Utah's House of Representatives and some of their core beliefs. Bios compiled by Shanie Howard, news senior writer.

Rob Bishop: Republican Candidate

Bio

Rob Bishop was born in Kaysville, Utah in July of 1951. He graduated from the University of Utah with a degree in political science. He currently lives in Brigham City, Utah with his wife Jeralynn. Before taking office as Utah's first district representative in 2003, Bishop served as a teacher in various high schools in Northern Utah.

Education: Rob Bishop believes that parents and local teachers should decide the type of education that best fit the needs of their students. He fights to provide teachers, students and parents with resources which are rightly theirs. Bishop has also said that he supports tax breaks for students in higher education institutions.

"We are counterproductive when we waste money on one-size-fits-all federal programs that bind the hands of creative teachers and administrators at the local level." – Bishop, October 2016

Jobs: Bishop has said that he believes in letting Americans keep their money, and that by cutting the burden of federal taxes, more Americans will be able to create and find jobs.

"I firmly believe that the best way to stimulate our economy and create jobs is to let hard-working Americans keep more of their money — after all, the money belongs to them, not to Washington." – Bishop, October 2016

Use of Public Lands: Bishop has said he believes that public lands should not be controlled by federal government, but rather that the states and private property owners should control the lands. He has said that he supports using the resources that public lands provide and that he values the "Western way of life." "It's not that the federal government is malicious, but when they own one third of America, it is just too much to effectively manage from Washington. Utah is a public lands

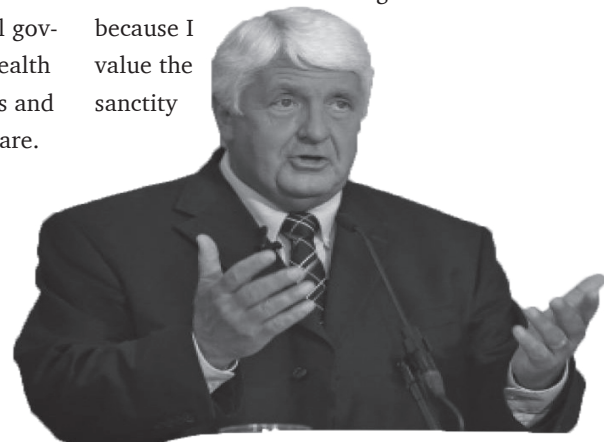
state. It has always been, and it always will be. The question is how those public lands are managed. That's where local government has the advantage." – Bishop, July 2016

Health Care: Bishop voted against Obama care in 2015. He believes that the federal government should not make decisions on health care and instead should allow individuals and states create their own plans for health care. "I voted against the original Obamacare bill because it was bad policy. I argued for free market alternatives that were available at the time." – Bishop, January 2016

Abortion: Bishop has stated many times that he is pro-life. He has said

that he has protected the right of the unborn and will continue to do so if elected as representative.

"I am strongly pro-life, and have fought to protect the rights of the unborn my entire career. I will continue to fight for this cause because I value the sanctity



Peter Clemens: Democratic Candidate

Bio

Peter Clemens is a practicing board-certified physician in Ogden, Utah. He received his B.A. from Brigham Young University in 1980. In 1986, Clemens graduated from the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences. Clemens currently lives with his wife, Tammy, in Ogden, UT.

Education: Clemens plans to decrease Wall Street's influence on the student loan process so that educational loans can have affordable interest rates. He believes that veterans deserve higher education schooling. Clemens hopes to increase the amount of federal funding for student grants.

"Much like Damian Lillard (a former Weber State Basketball player) still represents Ogden, I will too." – Clemens, October 2016

Jobs: Clemens believes small business and companies that keep jobs in the U.S. deserve tax breaks. Clemens has not produced any other plan or idea to create more jobs.

"The gap between the middle class and the billionaires has grown by leaps and bounds as tax cuts go to the wealthiest while middle class wages stagnate." – Clemens, October 2016

Use of Public Lands: Clemens has said that he believes tourism is Utah's number one source of revenue and that by protecting

public lands, Utah's economy will increase.

Clemens does not believe states can protect those lands because of financial limitations and instead federal government should be responsible for making decisions.

"With five national parks, it's no surprise that each year, our public lands bring in millions of tourists from across the world. This tourism is a keystone to much of our economy." – Clemens, October 2016

Health Care: Clemens has said that U.S. health care need to be reformed. Clemens believes government spending on healthcare needs to decrease while at the same time government funding for health care needs to increase so that families are paying less for healthcare. Clemens proposes making up the difference by negotiating with drug companies on the price of prescription drugs. "As a nation, we spend more than any other country on healthcare, and yet we do not list in even the top 10 on most ranking of healthcare outcomes worldwide." – Clemens,

October 2016

Medical Marijuana: Clemens believes that by legalizing medical marijuana, the opioid dependency in Utah will decrease. Clemens however, has said that the restriction prescribing marijuana to patients should be closely monitored by administration doctors.

"I support the federal law, which Rob Bishop opposed, wherein veterans' administration doctors can prescribe medical marijuana for their patients when they feel it is necessary." – Clemens, October 2016



USU STUDENTS SERVE HOMELESS IN SALT LAKE CITY

By Jordan Floyd
NEWS STAFF WRITER

While many Utah State University students spent fall break doing a host of activities like exploring Utah's national parks, meandering through Ogden, Salt Lake and other cities, or attending the Aggie football game, a group of nine students devoted their weekend to serving a struggling local community.

The students were part of the Alternative Breaks program. Each year the program sends university students to a variety of locations to do service during fall and spring break, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day weekend. Students in the past have travelled to locations like Seattle and San Francisco to serve, but this year the program aimed to go local and help the homeless population in Salt Lake City.

"We were working with the Center for Civic Engagement and Service Learning Office — they found the service project and we thought it would be nice to have a local one," said Sarah Larsson, the Alternative Breaks Issue Area Coordinator.

The students' weekend of service began early Saturday morning at the Road Home — a facility that provides shelter and food for anyone in need — in Midvale. The students put on a two-hour-long activity for children who live at the Road Home with their parents. During the activity, the children made superhero capes, which they decorated with a rainbow assortment of beads and feathers. The children also played games with the USU students and ran through a makeshift obstacle course.

Following the Saturday morning service activity, the group of students spent the afternoon organizing clothing and food donations at the Road Home's warehouse. The crew of nine was back in Salt Lake

City the following morning to help with the Fill-the-Pot Homeless Ministry, a weekly Sunday-morning event where members of the Calvary Baptist Church and others serve food to the homeless in Pioneer Park.

For Larsson, who is in her second year as the Issue Area Coordinator, the weekend in Salt Lake City, she said, was a learning experience.

"It's interesting to actually see the kids that live here. For me, at least, it's eye opening," she said. "This happens in our own backyard. When I used to think of these big social issues, I thought, those happen in big cities — it's not here, right? But it definitely is. It's been nice to be in our own community and help out and see how we can make a change."

Miranda Weed, a USU senior studying communicative disorders, said the weekend was one of firsts for her — her first time participating in the Alternative Breaks program and her first time doing service for Utah's homeless population.


"I've never been to a shelter before. I've never seen a lot of stuff like this before — it's new," Weed said.

The proximity of the issue to Logan made the weekend something special for the USU students.

"I think it's cool Salt Lake is so close to Logan," she said. "This hits home. These are people in our communities that we are helping out."

The Alternative Breaks program is open for all USU students to participate in. For students wanting more information about upcoming Alternative Breaks trips visit: servicecenter.usu.edu/programs/alternativebreaks

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Sherlock part II: His path to peace



PHOTO BY Megan Nielsen

Doctor Richard Sherlock poses with his copy of the Holy Bible.

arly sources agreed that regardless of differences between various sects of Christianity — whether Baptist, Evangelical, Episcopalian, Protestant, Presbyterian, Methodist, or Catholic — none considered the Great Apostasy a genuine concern.

Sherlock said it seemed that Christianity, regardless of its changes and shifts over hundreds of years, never strayed so far from Christ's original teachings that it could warrant the title "apostate."

"Since the idea of a fundamental breakdown of the Christian church does not fit the fact of the growth of the early Christian church and the development of its theology, a restoration of something lost is simply not needed," Sherlock said.

Another divergence between Mormonism and Catholicism, Sherlock points out, is the Church of Jesus Christ's symbolic observance of the sacrament — Christ's administering of the bread and wine. This is not limited to Mormonism, as many other Christian sects prefer a nonliteral interpretation of scripture surrounding the sacrament.

"There are a number of truths that are rooted in scripture that Mormons reject," Sherlock said. "Consider 'the real presence'... when consecrated by the priest, the bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ... Nowhere are the bread and wine said to be anything other than the actual body and blood."

Latter-day Saints reject this idea, he said, because they believe the original Bible taught that the bread and wine were only symbols representing Christ's body and blood.

"This supposedly 'corrected' text was, of course, only known to Joseph Smith, since no extant Greek text can be plausibly

read as teaching anything other than 'the real presence,'" he said.

Sherlock also argues there are cracks in the Church of Jesus Christ's theology on the nature of God. The belief "as Man is, God once was," preached in Joseph Smith's sermon on King Follett in 1844, is one that resonates well for millions of Latter-day Saints.

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FAT?

By Alyssa Roberts
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Is guacamole slowly expanding America's waistlines, one \$1.50 scoop at a time? Does drinking full-fat milk really make you gain weight? And precisely how much dark chocolate is too much dark chocolate?

These questions are all linked to what Utah State University's nutrition, dietetics and food science (NDFS) students call "fat phobia," the fear of fat and all things delicious that strikes the hearts of honest gym-going, kale-worshipping Americans at the mere mention of extra cheese or milk that isn't skim.

This year, NDFS students set out to debunk these myths and calm the fears of fat-phobic students at their annual Food Day, which took place Thursday at the Taggart Student Center.

Attendees explored booths where patient soon-to-be professionals explained the ins and outs of consuming fat in a healthy, responsible and yummy way. Students sampled nutrient-packed flax seed balls, gooey brownies with an avocado-based frosting and a cost-effective, skinny-jean-friendly beef stew.

"There are a lot of misconceptions about fat," said Sheryl Aguilar, a professional practice assistant professor in the NDFS program. "So we thought that would be a perfect theme this year."

Aguilar explained that fat can be a difficult concept to understand because most people are taught to think of fats as "good" (like avocados) or "bad" (like extra cheese on your pizza). But fat can't really be defined that way.

In fact, Aguilar said there aren't many "bad" fats, but that doesn't mean it's healthy to get extra-extra cheese on a pizza or that it's okay to eat quesaritos four nights a week.

"But most fats are going to be very valuable in your diet," Aguilar said.

Addy Bedke, a senior studying dietetics who helped coordinate the event, said NDFS students took into account the unique needs of college students in their planning.

"This is basically to learn about fat and be able to eat fat as a college student," Bedke said.

Bedke said she and other students tried several versions of a recipe before it was given the Food Day OK. They wanted to make sure recipes were college-friendly — so they weren't very expensive, didn't require dirtying a lot of dishes and used only a few ingredients.

"Let's take the flax seed balls. All it is is just a few ingredients — you dump, dump, dump, you mix it together, you roll it into a ball," Bedke said. "It's not only easy but also has really good, whole ingredients that are really packed with nutrients and are really good for you."

Sarah Kapp, another senior who planned the event, said she thought students were responding well to the information presenters had to

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By Vivian Gates
STUDENT LIFE STAFF WRITER

Richard Sherlock, a professor of philosophy and religion at Utah State University, refused to allow his maturity in life stand between him and the particular faith he was looking for when he converted from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to Catholicism.

By leaving the Church, Sherlock made a life decision that, for him, has only fostered peace, not the chaos many envision when they consider transitioning religions or leaving religion altogether.

A previous feature, titled "A USU Hidden Secret: Professor Richard Sherlock, from Mormon to Catholic,"

introduced Sherlock and debunked many cultural expectations around blind observance of religion. For Sherlock, ignorance never was happiness.

This article will investigate the doctrines or implicit customs/beliefs of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints that Sherlock said was a "head in the sand" approach to religion. That is, one that did not allow room for questioning, scrutiny or reason.

"When it comes to theology, Mormons simply avoid the use of the tools of philosophical reason to explore, develop, expand, or articulate

their theological beliefs," he said. "More than once I was told not to raise serious questions in Mormon classes or was ignored when I raised my hand."

One of the paramount features of the Church of Jesus Christ's restoration is the belief that Christ's church was detracted from, added to or corrupted between the end of his ministry and the time Joseph Smith organized the restored church. Many church members attribute this to a loss of the holy priesthood on the earth during this period of "darkness," thus ushering in an era known as the Great Apostasy.

Sherlock does not believe that the Church's belief in a Great Apostasy is justified.

"For me, the whole concept of an 'apostasy' broke down my first year at Harvard," Sherlock

said. "Whatever one's field of study, all master's students had to take one course in every field: bible, theology, church history, ethics, and world religions."

In these fields of study, Sherlock began to scrutinize the idea of the Great Apostasy, which his Sunday school teachers had taught throughout his childhood.

What he found was that many religious, schol-

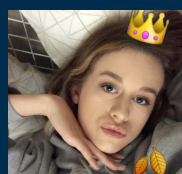
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— Dr. Richard Sherlock, USU Professor of Religion

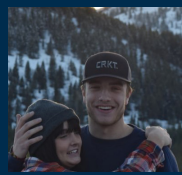
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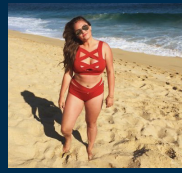
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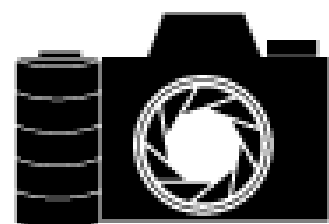
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— Megan Nielsen
Statesman photographer

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They see the doctrine as proof of a God who intimately understands what life is like in one's state as a natural man. To Latter-day Saints, it is a comforting thought — that mankind is capable of eternal progression and can inherit all that God has, in wisdom, love and mercy. However, Sherlock demonstrates that the attitude around this doctrine is a matter of culture or even personal preference. The reason being, outside of the Church of Jesus Christ, it is no secret that many other Christian faiths see this particular doctrine as especially heretical. Many, like Sherlock, believe it holds no theological weight.

"The belief of Mormonism that I really never accepted and have come to regard as fundamentally non-Christian and deeply destructive of true faith, is the Mormon denial of an existential gap between God and man," he said. "God is not eternal or infinite in power, knowledge or goodness. He is simply a more developed version of human beings."

Sherlock is not alone in questioning the Christianity of Mormonism.

"The Mormon doctrine of God includes many gods, not one," said Dr. R. Albert Mohler, Jr, a writer for Christianity.com. "Furthermore, Mor-

monism teaches that we are what God once was and are becoming what he now is. That is in direct conflict with Christian orthodoxy."

In a blog post on Patheos.com, a religious discussion website, writer Ben Witherington agrees.

"Mormons are polytheists, not monotheists," he said. "Indeed they believe that God the father is an exalted man."

Yet, for Latter-day Saints, this doctrine is not only necessary for God's comprehension of the human experience, it reaffirms the emphasis on eternal progression. While modern Latter-day Saints do not dwell on these doctrines in their weekly Sunday school lessons, the teachings from the King Follett discourse nonetheless bear their weight in gospel thought.

"It is the first principle of the gospel to know for a certainty the character of God and to know that we may converse with him as one man converses with another," Smith preached, "and that he was once a man like us; yea, that God himself the father of us all, dwelt on an earth the same as Jesus Christ himself did."

Such a doctrine can be vital for some people, yet others see it as a denigration of God's supreme nature.

Sherlock summed up his thoughts on this doctrine with one question: "Why pray to a being that is still developing? How can you have complete faith in God if he is not the creator of all, existing outside time and space, the same yesterday, today, and forever?"

Such a god, Sherlock and many others argue, could not possibly be that being described in King Follett's sermon.

Another primary aspect of Mormonism that did not settle with Sherlock is the cultural aversion to asking sensitive questions. The ability to distinguish doubt from weakness is one that all faiths should try to

cultivate.

Sherlock used an example from his years at Harvard to illustrate this. A Latter-day Saint student at the university was teaching a Sunday school lesson at church one day. During his lesson, which was on the "Old Testament," he brought in various religious and scholarly sources. Such sources forced his class to swallow some unsavory facts regarding the chronology and authorship of sacred texts. The class was outraged. They believed he was teaching "heresy, or worse," Sherlock said. The Harvard student left the Church after teaching the lesson, largely due to its reception amongst his peers. He never returned. Sherlock considers this a staple in the Latter-day Saint culture: the divorce of faith and reason.

The lesson Sherlock described took place in the 1970s. Today, things are changing, yet as in all religious traditions, there remains a stigma that often brands those asking questions as deviant, disobedient or weak.

And that is simply not true.

Sherlock's wife died in May 2008. "I thought my life was worthless," he said. Prayer up to that point could not ease the heartache he felt on a daily basis due to the loss of such an irreplaceable, beloved person.

"When I started the process of conversion I felt an immense joy that I could now pray to the true God who had my life in his loving arms," he said.

Today, Sherlock joyfully follows the teachings of the very church he believes Christ left on the earth after his ministry. He believes that his salvation "(was) purchased with his blood on the cross."

"Grace is my salvation. The true happiness I feel is overwhelming," he said.

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PHOTO BY Megan Nielsen
Dr. Richard Sherlock teaches religion and philosophy.

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"We're getting the word out about what's kind of healthier or unhealthier, what to buy and how to incorporate it into your diet," Kapp said.

Drew Stophlet, a senior studying engineering, said even though his girlfriend is a dietetics student who keeps him informed about healthy food, he still learned something new at Food Day.

"If I knew nothing and walked through here, I would've learned a lot," Stophlet said.

Junior and industrial hygiene major Dustin Nellesen said he learned incorporating fat into a healthy diet could be simple.

"There's a lot of simple stuff that I guess we kind of glance over because we're so accustomed to one thing," Nellesen said. "A simple change is a healthy change."

Other students agreed that while they'd learned new things at Food Day, changing their diets would have more to do with budget than with health — at least at this point in their lives. Sophomore Camiel Bruneel said she'd think about changing her diet, "if it's cheap."

Oaklee Anderson, a freshman, said she'd "need to learn a little more first."

NDFS students hope to be able to track the impact of Food Day — and any dietary changes stu-

dents might have made — with a new system of follow-up surveys. Previous Food Day events at USU required students to take a survey within an hour or so of the event. This time, students will be surveyed again 30 days later.

Aguilar said she hopes this will help students in her dietetics research class generate more definitive data to demonstrate the impact of Food Day. She said she hopes to find out "if we're actually able to more than just nudge attitudes, knowledge and self-efficacy but actually nudge food changes."

It's safe to say most students learned something new at Food Day, whether it was the cost-effectiveness of lean protein, the many reasons to love avocados or that, as freshman Isaac Jackson put it, "you can make a really good stew out of cheap meat."

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SPORTS

Look who got their swagger back

Utah State takes down Fresno 38-20, snapping three-game losing skid

By Taylor Emerson
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Early Sunday morning, the Aggies walked away from Maverik Stadium with heads held high following a 38-20 victory over Fresno State.

"It's hard to win games in college football," USU head coach Matt Wells said. "There's a lot of doubters out there, whether it is media, it is people around, whatever. I thought our guys did a tremendous job the last two weeks of really focusing on what's important."

In front of a sparse, frigid but still otherwise still hopeful crowd of just over 15,000 attendees, Utah State foreshadowed the would-be run-away win right out of the gate. The Aggies drove 60 yards on 7 plays, capping it all off in the best way possible — a beautiful 21-yard dime from quarterback Kent Myers to Braelon Roberts for a touchdown.

Myers' counterpart Chason Virgil played his part as well, helping to match the opening score by marching Fresno's offense 86 yards down the field. The Bulldogs finished the drive with a three-yard rushing touchdown from Dontel James.

The block heard 'round the valley soon followed.

After ending a Bulldog drive at the 12-yard line with a sack, senior cornerback Jentz Painter rounded Fresno's punt formation untouched, blocking the kick into the end zone for fellow senior Austin Cheney to recover.

"Jentz Painter is one of the all-time greatest special teams players at Utah State," Wells said. "This is my 11th year here as a coach and a player. That kid pours his heart and soul into everything and to see that pay off was tremendous."

After Brock Warren's career-long 43-yard field goal was followed shortly by yet another Virgil-led touchdown drive, the Aggies would take a 17-14 lead into the locker room at the half.

Following the halftime break, Utah State outscored Fresno 21-6 in the final two phases of play.

The Aggies finished with 392 yards of total offense, led in large part by the running of Tonny Lindsey and Myers. Lindsey finished with 90 yards on 23 attempts,



Senior tight end Wyatt Houston extends for a touchdown against Fresno Saturday in the Aggies' first conference win of the season. Utah State beat the Bulldogs 38-20.

while his quarterback tallied 66 yards on eight keepers.

Myers also got it done through the air against the Bulldogs, finishing with 188 yards and three touchdowns on 29 attempts.

"Credit goes to the receivers," Myers said. "They made some good plays when the ball was in the air, my lineman gave me good protection up front. Everything was good all around."

Credit must also be given to the defensive effort from the Aggies. While the box score reads a similar tale for the Fresno squad, 319 total yards, 3-3 in the red zone and 23 first downs, Utah State defenders held the Tim DeRuyter-coached group to a 2.9-yard average on the ground. Devin Centers and Leki Uasike led the way with 10 tackles each, followed closely by Chase Christiansen with nine stuffs of his own.

Five different Aggies had eight or more

tackles on the night, while ten were had more than three.

"It feels good," Myers said about this win. "It feels like we're getting our mojo back. This program is used to winning and we just needed to find that first win to get things going."

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NBA: Who are this year's X-factors?

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There are thousands of storylines, players, coaches, and full teams yet to be found and celebrated this season. Here, we'll take a closer look at a few possibilities. Specifically, the players who have the opportunity to carry their teams to loftier heights or sink them to the basement of the league. Think of Kyle Lowry and Isaiah Thomas suddenly becoming all-star caliber point guards last year. Or Draymond Green emerging from the second round to become one of the NBA's best players. They're the players who have the power to alter the landscape of the NBA, and here's who you should watch for this year.

Chandler Parsons, SF, Memphis Grizzlies

Parsons has been on the verge for several seasons. His talent and potential are both undeniable. Yet for several seasons, injuries have derailed Parsons rise to the top of the NBA. Injuries may continue to dog him, but if he's able to put together a healthy season, Parsons may have his best season of his career. After two stints in Houston and Dallas, Parsons finds himself on an intriguing Memphis Grizzlies team. The Grizzlies has always had a good defensive team, but have sometimes struggled to produce offensively. In steps Parsons, a skilled wing who's averaged over 14 points per game over his career. Surrounded by Mike Conley, Marc Gasol, and Zach Randolph, Parsons may be in his best position to succeed. 2017 could



Left: Trey Lyles of the Utah Jazz, right: Buddy Hield of the New Orleans Pelicans, AP Photo/Kim R...



Letters to the editor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:



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Government is too large & national debt is too small

With the national debt at 20 trillion dollars, it is apparent that government has become too large. Fiscal responsibility is the most important issue facing the United States right now. A large government more often than not results in reduction in liberty for that government's citizens. Because it is such a threat to liberty, the libertarian views it as the biggest issue facing this nation.

The criminal justice system is a prime example of failure on the government's part. According to a Washington Post article by Michelle Ye Hee Lee, 478 out of every 100,000 Americans are incarcerated, three times as large as the European median of 133.5. Furthermore, according to Marc Santora at The New York Times, the cost to the taxpayer is about \$31,286 per inmate per year, or just under 47 billion dollars each year. That figure alone is

enough to say that minimum sentencings need to be re-evaluated, which require a certain amount of time in prison at the least, usually for drug related crimes, that are excessive when it comes to non-violent crimes.

Mandatory minimum sentences are not the only issue where fiscal irresponsibility is present, it is one of many examples of how large government has become. And although your everyday Republican argues for smaller government, they are just as guilty as their Democrat counterparts. Democrats like to spend a lot on social services like social security and medicare, and Republicans love their military spending. It's not that the libertarian views these things as bad, libertarians understand that Democrats honestly want to help people in their old age both medically and financially. Libertarians also believe that

Republicans feel that a large military helps citizens. The libertarian respects these ideas but sees better ways of helping people. In the end both groups feel that their spending is beneficial and in some regards a need. However, the libertarian views almost every spending by the government to be a bad thing, and in the case of those areas it does agree that spending is necessary, they view it as an often necessary evil. Worse though, is that the people who made this government, with its debt and super-sized programs, will not suffer the consequences. Generation Z are the ones who are going to suffer, you and me.

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Peter Clemens vs. Rob Bishop

If we want to fix our political system, we should pay as much attention to local elections as to the presidential election. One of those elections is the first district congressional race between Peter Clemens and Rob Bishop. Mr. Clemens record of humanitarian service, experience as a doctor, and background in the Army make him a superior choice over Rep. Bishop, whose extreme rhetoric and ties to special interests are troubling.

Clemens is running on a platform of investing in our infrastructure, protecting the environment, and promoting accountable government. These stances provide a strong contrast to Rep. Bishop, whose inflammatory rhetoric has alienated many stakeholders. For example, he has declared that those who support the use of the Antiquities Act should "die"; whether joking or not, this kind of comment is unbecoming of an elected official.

Additionally, the vast majority of Rep. Bishop's campaign contributions come from outside the state, and according to the Center for Responsive Politics, three of the top five industries that contribute to his campaign are oil and gas, casinos/gambling, and lobbyists. Such figures make you wonder whom and what he truly represents. It's clear that Peter Clemens is a better choice to represent our district.

— *Anders Hart*

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entire season, Buddy Hield is one of my darkhorses for Rookie of the Year honors. Keep in mind this Pelicans team surprisingly made the playoffs two years ago before being decimated by injuries last season. Anthony Davis is still a top ten player in the NBA. There is plenty of talent on the roster, which allowed the Pelicans to add a bit of a luxury draft pick in Hield. Hield may not be ready to defend opposing NBA players, and he'll surely need help to avoid being a liability on the defensive end, but he's one of the best shooting prospects to ever enter the NBA, shooting over 45% from 3 his last season in Oklahoma. As the three-point shot becomes more and more important in the NBA, Hield will have plenty of opportunities to take dead aim, and I suspect him to make quite a few.

Kyle Anderson, SE, San Antonio Spurs
Welcome to the post-Tim Duncan era. Don't feel bad for the Spurs for one second. Yes, Duncan is a surefire Hall of Famer and one of the best players to ever play the game. But the Spurs were not blindsided and they've acquired several intriguing assets to help lessen the blow of Duncan's retirement. Kyle Anderson is one of those assets. The Spurs gradually upped his playing time last year, averaging almost eight more minutes per game after the All-Star break. Long, athletic, with the

benefit of learning from Duncan, Kawhi Leonard, and Gregg Popovich, Anderson could emerge as 'that one guy' for the Spurs that almost always seems to bolster their bench and cause headaches for opponents throughout the season. For a team that was inarguably out of its league athletically against the Thunder, Kyle Anderson represents a hope of turning the tide.

JaVale McGee, C, Golden State Warriors

Look, the Warriors' championship hopes do not rise and fall with JaVale McGee. But McGee could fill one of the only holes the Warriors seem to have. Due to the salary cap, both Andrew Bogut and Festus Ezeli are no longer with the team, leaving the Warriors with virtually no rim protection on the team. Free agent signee Zaza Pachulia is an excellent positional defender, but lacks the shot-altering ability that Bogut and Ezeli provided. McGee is a 7-footer with tremendous length and athleticism and is said to have a good chance at making the roster according to head coach Steve Kerr. The only thing keeping McGee back in his career has been, well, JaVale McGee. Lack of focus and poor decision making has made McGee a fan favorite for all the wrong reasons throughout his career. But Golden State offers McGee the best coaching staff and team he's ever had the opportunity to play for. The potential is still there for McGee and if the Warriors manage to uncover it, their Achil-

les heel may subsequently be covered.

Joel Embiid, C, Philadelphia 76ers

The man. The myth. The legend. We've finally seen Embiid play minutes in the NBA, albeit in the preseason, but already we may be seeing the vindication of Sam Hinkie's Process in Philadelphia. Embiid has athleticism, length, and a decent outside shot. In an NBA landscape where the court is ruled by 'unicorns' like Karl Anthony-Towns and Kristaps Porzingis, big men who can play on the perimeter just as effectively as in the paint, Embiid could become one of the best in the NBA. However, we haven't seen Embiid in a meaningful NBA game for a reason. He'll have to stay healthy in order to have any impact on the NBA this season. Coaches have placed their hope on having him play roughly 20 minutes per game near the start of the season. Embiid has all the skill and talent necessary to maximize those 20 minutes and wreak havoc on both the offensive and defensive ends. At his worst, his injury problems may rear their ugly head again and rob us of one of the best talents to come to the NBA in recent years. At his best, he could revitalize a 76ers franchise in desperate need of talent, teaming up with Ben Simmons once he returns to provide one of, if not the best young frontcourt in the NBA. At the very least, he gives reason to watch the 76ers this year.

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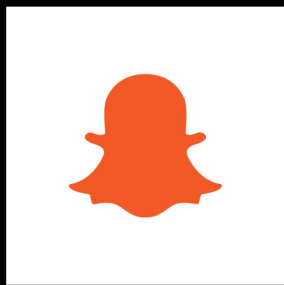
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